REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA AND RECORD OF ACTION

February 29, 2000

FROM: **RUDY LOPEZ**, Director

Department of Behavioral Health (DBH)

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT A-1 TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND VICTOR TREATMENT CENTERS, INC.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Amendment A-1 to Agreement #99-526 for program change between the Department of Behavioral Health and Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. for children's residential treatment services.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Department of Behavioral Health operates a continuum of care system that consists of County operated and contracted service providers delivering a variety of mental health treatment services within each geographic region of the County. Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. is a state licensed group home that provides children's residential services. Their target population for residential services is seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) children and adolescents. Priority is given to SED minors who are at risk of needing higher levels of care and those with AB2726 status.

This is Amendment A-1 to Agreement #99-526 between DBH and the Contractor. Agreement #99-526 was approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 29, 1999, Item #101. DBH and the Contractor, by mutual agreement, are creating an enriched residential environment instead of a centralized school day treatment program at Victor Treatment Centers, Inc. Additional staff have been placed into the homes to provide mental health services and supervise enhanced activities. This new model was developed to better serve the needs of this high-risk population. This item involves a program change, which will be effective March 1, 2000, and does not change the original agreement amount of \$1,239,072.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: The amendment was reviewed and approved as to form by Deputy County Counsel Charles J. Larkin.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no change in the agreement amount. Funding for this agreement is included in the Department's Approved FY 99/00 Budget. The agreement is funded with a combination of Federal and State funds dedicated to mental health services for the residents of San Bernardino County.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTERS: Rudy Lopez, Director

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